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## <u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-18, 20-26, and 28-30 are pending in the application. Claims 20-26 stand withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1, 11, and 28 have been amended. Support for the amendment is found throughout the specification as originally filed, see Figure 2. No new matter is presented.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (603) 628-1461 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

In view of the above amendments, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event that any additional extension of time is required to file this response, the Commissioner please consider this a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 502288.

Respectfully submitted,

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